

**To:** StClair, Christie[StClair.Christie@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Mylott, Richard[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]; Daguillard, Robert[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan[Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; EOC Public Information[EOC\_Public\_Information@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]; MacIntyre, Mark[Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hull, George  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 7:28:14 PM  
**Subject:** Re: CLOSED - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

Yes, I already put it in the media tracker. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2015, at 3:11 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, George. Could you please update the Media Triage doc on sharepoint, or fwd the response to this group so we can track it?

Thanks,  
Christie

**Christie St. Clair**

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 1:49 PM, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

I've sent answers to reporter Karl Mathiesen on both his mine tailing and Superfund questions. This inquiry is closed. - George

**From:** Mylott, Richard  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 12:48 PM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Cc:** Abrams, Dan; StClair, Christie; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy

**Subject:** Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

It's posted on the website.

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 10:32 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Mylott, Richard  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 10:48 AM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Cc:** Abrams, Dan; StClair, Christie; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy  
**Subject:** Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

There is an answer to the SF listing question in the FAQ document. I can help refine any follow ups later.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2015, at 8:05 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov)> wrote:

The reporter is still prompting.

**From:** Abrams, Dan  
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 10:05 AM  
**To:** StClair, Christie  
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert; Mylott, Richard; Hull, George; EOC Public Information; Press; MacIntyre, Mark; Grantham, Nancy

**Subject:** Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

We believe George Hull responded. Did he not? We have a message from George at 3pm Friday that he did.

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 8:59 AM, StClair, Christie <[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)> wrote:

EOC - if the OSWER portion is approved there, pls send that portion to this thread so Mark can get AC approval.

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On Aug 17, 2015, at 5:53 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov)> wrote:

All, the reporter is prompting again. Here are the questions. Can we at least send the OSWER segment of the response?

“On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold

King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?”

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 7:39 PM

**To:** StClair, Christie

**Cc:** Hull, George

**Subject:** Re: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 5:07 PM, StClair, Christie  
<[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Okay, thanks George. Rich is now working this.

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**From:** Hull, George

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 5:01 PM

**To:** StClair, Christie; Daguillard, Robert; Press; EOC Public Information

**Subject:** RE: NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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**From:** Christie StClair  
[mailto:StClair.Christie@epamail.epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 4:57 PM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Press  
**Subject:** NEW FOR RICH - EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian;  
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abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:33 AM  
**To:** StClair, Christie; Press  
**Subject:** RE: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a  
response we can use re: questions about the abandoned  
mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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“It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?”

**From:** StClair, Christie

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 10:25 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Press

**Subject:** Re: EOC/JIC Action; The Guardian; Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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On Aug 14, 2015, at 7:27 AM, "Robert Daguillard"

<[Daguillard.Robert@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epamail.epa.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:57 PM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Cc:** Lee, Monica  
**Subject:** Is this a response we can use re: questions about the abandoned mines in the US or in Utah or elsewhere?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert



**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:48 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Nancy; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

Thanks again, Nancy.

**From:** Cohen, Nancy  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 6:24 PM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

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Nancy Cohen

U.S. EPA OSWER

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:31 AM  
**To:** Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Mylott, Richard; Cohen, Nancy  
**Subject:** OSWER, R8 Action; Guardian; DDL COB; Aminas River Spill

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**From:** Karl Mathiesen  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 7:45 AM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert  
**Subject:** Guardian media enquiry

Hi Robert,

I'm a journalist with the Guardian writing a piece on the release from the Gold King Mine in Colorado.

I have a few questions on the background of the situation. Please do your best to answer them all.

On the general state of tailings dams and mines. How many such storage facilities are there across the country? How does the EPA monitor the maintenance and condition of mines and dams that are holding contaminated water? Are abandoned mines, like Gold King, monitored?

It has been reported that the EPA has been trying to designate the area as a superfund area for some time. When was the idea first floated? Why was it unsuccessful? Does the EPA believe the spill would have occurred regardless of the lack of superfund designation? Would that have changed the way the clean up was undertaken (ie would there have been more money available and therefore less likelihood of a failure?)?

Best,

Karl

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Karl Mathiesen

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